

As a result of the Reeds' work, a State and national park will forever protect 15,000 acres of Indiana's dunes, home to giant sand dunes, river forests, prairie lands, and bogs. The national lakeshore contains 1,400 plant species—only four national parks contain more plant diversity.

Herb and Charlotte Reed are dear friends and successful environmental activists. I cannot say enough about this exalted couple. Their efforts to create the national lakeshore in Indiana will forever remain a large part of the history of Indiana's First Congressional District. It seems only fitting that Herb and Charlotte live in a cabin enveloped by the national lakeshore. It is from this vantage point that they fought their four-decade war for the dunes, while at the same time raised their five wonderful children.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Herb and Charlotte for their commitment and valiant efforts to protect and preserve the environment for generations to come. Herb and Charlotte Reed are, indeed, living legends.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN
ROBERT WALKER

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and colleague of mine who has served with distinction in this body for almost 20 years. The member, Mr. Speaker, who I speak of is the Honorable BOB WALKER of Pennsylvania.

BOB has earned a reputation in Congress as a leader with visionary ideas and strongly held conservative beliefs. His achievements as a Member of Congress are extensive and his influence on Pennsylvania and America will be felt long after he is gone from this body. Congressman WALKER is responsible for the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the Walker-Smith Taxpayer Debt Buy-Down Act, and the growth management study. As chairman of the House Science Committee, he has championed the Omnibus Space Commercialization Act, and has been a strong advocate of the scientific research which is so critical to the future of our Nation. BOB's tireless work on the Budget Committee has also distinguished him as a leader in the effort to reign in out-of-control Federal spending.

Since coming to Congress in 1977, BOB WALKER has proven himself as one of the most effective legislators in Congress. His accolades speak for themselves, and his opulent knowledge of the workings of this House and the issues that effect it, will be sorely missed on both sides of the aisle. Congressman WALKER is a man whose intelligence, class, integrity, and leadership have not only been beneficial to the people of Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional district, but to the country as a whole. Mr. Speaker, I am not only honored to have worked with BOB WALKER, But I am fortunate enough to call him my friend. At this time Mr. Speaker, I will close by wishing both BOB and his wife, Sue, the best of luck in whatever the future may hold for them.

TRIBUTE TO ANDY JACOBS

HON. TOM BEVILL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor ANDY JACOBS of Indiana for his fine service in the U.S. Congress. As you know, ANDY was first elected in 1964. While he was out of office one term from 1972 to 1974, he has the distinction of being one of our longest-serving Members.

I have enjoyed ANDY's friendship over the years. We have frequently walked and talked together on the way to vote. I appreciate his stories and his sense of humor.

ANDY is a unique individual. I respect him for having the utmost integrity and I know that everything he does is carefully considered and well-reasoned. He has made an excellent career in public service by representing the best interests of his constituents, his State and Nation.

ANDY, I wish you every success in your future endeavors. Your many contributions will always be remembered and appreciated.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN MYERS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our distinguished colleagues from the Indiana congressional delegation, Representatives LEE HAMILTON and DAN BURTON, for reserving this Special Order. We gather to pay tribute to the dean of the Indiana congressional delegation, JOHN MYERS, who is retiring at the end of this legislative session.

JOHN's retirement brings to a close a long and productive career in the Halls of Congress. For 30 years, he has represented the Seventh Congressional District of Indiana. His service to his constituents and this Nation has been exemplary. It has earned him our deepest respect and admiration.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to holding the post of dean of the Indiana congressional delegation, JOHN MYERS is the third most senior member of his party here in the Congress. He is a thoughtful and pragmatic lawmaker whose legislative record is a reflection of his strong commitment to public service. JOHN is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. He chairs the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee and serves as a member of the Agriculture and Military Construction Subcommittees. During his tenure, JOHN has also served on the House Ethics Committee and the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Indiana's Seventh Congressional District has benefited as a result of JOHN's efforts. He has utilized his Appropriations Committee position to guarantee much-needed funding for flood control projects in his district. In addition, he has promoted scientific research at universities throughout Indiana. Throughout his career, JOHN MYERS has earned the reputation of a staunch fiscal conservative. He has voted against higher spending and opposed efforts to increase taxes.

Mr. Speaker, I have the greatest respect and admiration for JOHN MYERS. We have enjoyed a close friendship during our service together on the House Appropriations Committee and as former members of the Ethics Committee. JOHN is a man of the highest integrity and decency. He is also a gentleman and statesman. This has been demonstrated during the toughest committee deliberations and House floor debates. Throughout the deliberations, JOHN MYERS has been the voice of reason and compassion. For years, JOHN and I have had congressional offices across the hall from one another. I will miss his warm greetings during the course of the day and the special Indiana popcorn which my staff and I often enjoyed.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement, we pause to wish JOHN, his lovely wife, Carol Ann, and members of the Myers family our very best. JOHN MYERS is a credit to this institution. He leaves a legacy that will stand in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
BARBARA VUCANOVICH

HON. JIM LIGHTFOOT

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to have served with my colleague from Nevada, Congresswoman BARBARA VUCANOVICH.

BARBARA was elected to Congress in 1982. She was the first woman elected to a Federal office from Nevada and she was the first Nevadan to serve in a leadership position in the U.S. House of Representatives. Those of us who serve with BARBARA in the House elected her to the position of Secretary for the House Republican Conference for the 104th Congress—a position which allowed her to help shape the direction of legislative policy.

I have had the great honor of serving with BARBARA on the Appropriations Committee, where she is known for her commonsense, integrity, and sound judgment. We have also stood side-by-side on a number of issues important to both of our States, as members of the Rural Health Care Coalition and the Congressional Sportsmen Caucus Foundation.

As Representative from the Second District of Nevada, BARBARA has served her district, State, and Nation well.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a great honor to have served with my good friend and colleague from Nevada, BARBARA VUCANOVICH.

TRIBUTE TO BOB MERKLE

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in rising today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bob Merkle, who is retiring later this year after a long and distinguished career as an official with the United Auto Workers Region 1 and as a dedicated community activist.

Walter Ruether, the great UAW leader, once said, "the most important thing in the world is to fight for the other guy."